

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

## Potential Transportation Delays due to COVID-19 and Bus Driver Shortage

October 30, 2020 – This school year, Nbisiing Bus Lines may experience delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a shortage of bus drivers. These delays may be caused by new bus loading protocols at schools, the temporary absence of bus drivers, inclement weather or emergencies. In these instances, Nbisiing Bus Lines will (1) call upon a relief driver if available, (2) double up bus routes as safe to do so, or (3) arrange for alternate services.

Nbisiing Bus Lines staff appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time as the following safety protocols are implemented for doubled up routes:

- Students and bus drivers must self-assess every day for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students aged 5 and up must wear a face mask.
- Students must sit in their assigned seat and physical distance to the extent possible.
- Students will cohort on the bus by school when possible.
- Bus drivers will use Personal Protective Equipment and clean their bus before and after every trip.
- Bus drivers will complete daily attendance of students for contact tracing purposes.

## Where can I find updates?

Delays of 15 minutes or more and notices of doubled up routes are posted to the <u>Nbisiing Bus Lines</u> Facebook page.

Please monitor this page for updates on delays and cancellations before calling the Education Office to keep staff free to work quickly through the issue.

## What can I do to help?

If you have any concerns with these delays or doubled up routes, we encourage you to drive your child(ren) to school or investigate the option to register your child(ren) for at-home learning.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a bus driver with Nbisiing Bus Lines, you can find the posting information on NFN.ca/jobs or by contacting the Education Office.

Please contact the Education Office if you have any questions or concerns regarding delays or doubled up routes. We continue to appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time.

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